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SUBJECT: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL INQUIRY: HWANG HONG-SUNG

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1. CONTINUED SEARCH HAS LOCATED CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING PRISONER WHOSE NAME IS VARIOUSLY SPELLED HWANG HONG-SUNG, HWANG HON-SUNG, AND WHANG HON-SUNG. SINCE ORIGINAL INQUIRY CAME FROM CALIFORNIA CONSTITUENT OF REP. MCCLOSKEY, GOOD CHANCE THIS IS PRISONER IN QUESTION.

2. AMBASSADOR'S 11/15/77 LETTER TO REP. MCCLOSKEY (CC TO EA/K) NOTED EMBASSY HAD DISCUSSED CASE WITH ROKG OFFICIALS. HWANG WAS CONVICTED UNDER ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW. ROKG OFFICIALS "FELT THAT PROSPECTS FOR A REDUCTION IN MR. HWANG'S SENTENCE WERE PROMISING...BUT WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO GUARANTEE WHEN ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN ON MR. HWANG'S BEHALF." ROKG OFFICIALS REPORTED HWANG WAS IN GOOD HEALTH AND CONDITIONS OF IMPRISONMENT WERE ADEQUATE.

3. ON 2/15/78 (DURING ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR) JOHN LAMAZZA REPLIED DIRECTLY TO REP. MCCLOSKEY'S CONSTITUENT TO PROVIDE ADDRESS FOR APPEAL ON HWANG'S CASE. AFTER EMBASSY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH ROKG OFFICIALS, LAMAZZA
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WROTE, "SUCH AN APPEAL SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN WASHINGTON, WHICH WOULD DIRECT IT TO OFFICIALS IN THE GOVERNMENT WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTION".

3. THIS LETTER OF 2/15 NOTED THAT "MR. WHANG'S STATUS REMAINS AS DESCRIBED IN AMBASSADOR SNEIDER'S LETTER

OF NOVEMBER 15, 1977: HE IS STILL INCARCERATED
(KWANGJU CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE), BUT THERE IS
STILL A POSSIBILITY HIS SENTENCE MIGHT BE REDUCED ON
GROUNDS OF GOOD BEHAVIOR".
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